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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF IAEA FEBRUARY 26 BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING

1. SESSION RESULTED IN APPROVAL OF ALL AGENDA ITEMS EXCEPT  
UK RESOLUTION ON PNE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS DEFERRED TO  
SOME FUTURE MEETING OF THE BOARD (SEE SEPTEL). ONLY OTHER  
AGENDA ITEMS EVEN ELICITING DISCUSSION WERE 2(B) ON STAFFING  
OF THE SAFEGUARDS INSPECTORATE, AND 4(B) ON INCREASING  
SALARIES OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

2. SALARY ITEM DREW FIRE FROM SOVIETS WHO, WHILE ULTIMATELY  
CONSENTING, EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL  
SALARY INCREASE. MOST OTHER MEMBERS APPROVED INCREASE,  
WITH FRG REP WISTFULLY WISHING DG LUCK IN STAYING WITHIN  
HIS 1975 BUDGET. FRG (LOOSCHE) ALSO TOOK EXCEPTION, ON WHAT  
HE CALLED "PROCEDURAL GROUNDS" TO CHAIRMAN'S CALL FOR  
INCREASING DG'S SALARY IN LINE WITH THAT OF PROFESSIONAL  
STAFF. (MATTER HAD NOT BEEN MADE SUBJECT OF BOARD

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PAPER.) US POINTED OUT THERE WAS NO REASON TO OPPOSE

DG'S BENEFITTING EQUALLY FROM INCREASE, A VIEW QUICKLY REINFORCED BY STATEMENTS FROM USSR, ARGENTINA, PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH AFRICA. PROFESSIONAL SALARY INCREASE, INCLUDING THAT OF DG, THEREUPON APPROVED.

3. SAFEGUARDS STAFFING ISSUE DREW SURPRISING NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AS TO LACK OF GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE ON STAFF OF INSPECTORATE. COMMENTS FELL INTO FOUR CATEGORIES:

A) SUCH A POLITICALLY DELICATE ISSURE WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR ABROGATION OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY DEMANDS SENSITIVITY TO GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION IN SELECTION PROCESS (FRG, PAKISTAN); B) LDC'S UNDER REPRESENTED (PHILIPPINES THREE TIMES, ZIARE TWICE); C) LACK OF SPANISH-SPEAKING INSPECTORS (SPAIN, ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA); AND D) DOUBT WHETHER WORKLOAD WARRANTED INCREASE (FRANCE, INDIA). DG'S POSITION WAS THAT ARTICLE 7 OF THE STATUTE REQUIRES HIM TO CHOOSE STAFF ON BASIS OF COMPETENCE, EFFICIENCY AND INTEGRITY, AND HE TRIES TO DO THIS WITH AS MUCH ATTENTION TO GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AS POSSIBLE, NOTING THAT 37 STATES ARE REPRESENTED ON STAFF OF SAFEGUARDS INSPECTORATE.

4. REMAINDER OF ITEMS, INCLUDING TWO MORE NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH AFGHANISTAN AND SUDAN, TWO REACTOR PROJECTS (US FUEL SUPPLY AGREEMENTS WITH PHILIPPINES AND PAKISTAN), ALL EMOLUMENTS OF THE STAFF ITEMS, AND FUTURE TWO-YEAR CALENDAR FOR MEETINGS (INSTEAD OF ONE YEAR) WERE ADOPTED VIRTUALLY WITHOUT COMMENT.

5. AT CONSLUSION AGENDA ITEM OF SAFEGUARDS, DG ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDING GROUP OF EXPERTS TO ADVISE HIM PRIMARILY ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS, BUT OTHER MATTERS AS WELL, INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS. EXPETS WOULD BE SELECTED, WITH CONSENT OF GOVERNMENT OF EACH, ON BASIS OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE AND WOULD BE ASKED TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS FOR DG, BOARD, OR ANY OTHER GROUP FO MEMBERS. DG WOULD TRANSMIT VIEWS OF EXPERT GROUP TO BOARD. FULL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED BOARD MEMBERS IN DUE COURSE. AMB. FUJIYAMA (JAPAN) WARMLY WELCOMED DG'S STATEMENT WHICH RESPONDED TO LONG-STANDING WISH BY JAPAN FOR SUCH COMMITTEE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICLULARLY IN LIGHT CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATION OF JAPANESE NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. HE WAS CONFIDENT SUCH GROUP WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING COST-EFFECTIVENESS, EQUALITY AND OBJECTIVITY OF AGENCY SAFEGUARDS. ONLY OTHER COMMENT WAS BY PHILIPPINES WHICH ASSUMED (CONTRARY TO DG'S STATEMENT) THAT DG WOULD SEEK BOARD APPROVAL OF COMPOSITION OF GROUP AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, DG SHOULD KEEP IN MIND NECESSITY FOR REPRESENTATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. DG

SIMPLY RESPONDED THAT HE WILL KEEP IN MIND ALL VIEWS EXPRESSED TO HIM BY MEMBERS.

6. IN DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL PROCEDURE, DG TOOK OCCASION TO MAKE SEVERAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF LAST AGENDA ITEM. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE STATEMENTS ON INIS (BASED ON GOV/INF/286 REPORTED IN IAEA VIENNA 1144), CRITIQUE OF UNEP PAPER (SEE SEPTTEL), NOTICE THAT SECRETARIAT IS WORKING ON MODEL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT (INFCIRC/66), AND FINALLY, NOTING THAT DUE TO FALL IN DOLLAR/SHILLING RATE THE AGENCY FACED SERIOUS FINANCIAL PROBLEM. ON THIS LATTER ISSUE DG SAID HE BELIEVED AGENCY COULD PULL THROUGH IF RATE AVERAGED 17 TO ONE THROUGH 1975 (UTILIZING 1973 AND 1974 CASH SURPLUSES, AND IMPOSING RIGID ECONOMIES), BUT IF RATE CONTINUED AT PRESENT 16.50 AND BELOW, A SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT MAY BE REQUIRED. SUPPORT FOR DG'S UNUSUAL, BUT INFORMATIVE, STATEMENT VOICED BY UK, FRG, PAKISTAN, US AND USSR.

7. DG ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO NUCLEAR SAFETY STANDARDS PROGRAM, NOTING THAT SENIOR ADVISORY GROUP IN OCTOBER 1974 HAD DIRECTED SECRETARIAT, AS PRELIMINARY TO ACTUAL DRAFTING OF CODES OF PRACTICE AND GUIDES, TO COLLATE EXISTING STANDARDS OF MEMBER STATES. MEMBER STATES HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO SUBMIT NECESSARY INFORMATION TO SECRETARIAT BY JANUARY 1, 1975, BUT MOST MEMBERS HAD NOT YET DONE SO, DESPITE REPEATED PLEAS FROM SECRETARIAT. (IN FACT, IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT ONLY US HAD SUBMITTED INFO REQUESTED.) THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT PROGRAM COULD NOT WAIT ANY LONGER AND ACCORDINGLY, SECRETARIAT WILL NOW PROCEED WITH DRAFTING OF GUIDES AND CODES OF PRACTICE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CONSULTANTS. UK RESPONDED TO DG STATEMENT WITH REQUEST THAT PROGRAM NOT BE SPOKEN OF IN TERMS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"STANDARDS" BUT RATHER IN TERMS OF "GUIDES AND CODES OF PRACTICE". THIS EVOKED FURTHER COMMENT BY FRG THAT REFERENCE SHOULD ONLY BE MADE TO "GUIDES".

8. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO CONSIDER JAPAN SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT (GOV/1727) WOULD CONVENE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, AT 10:30 AM. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5 PM.TAPE

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